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Dear Idaho Public Utilities Commission:

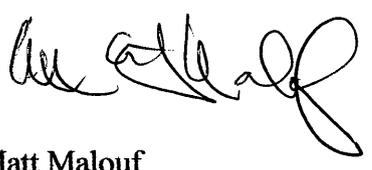
I am writing in regard to a recent notice I received from Idaho Power. The notice included information about a request for a rate increase for the construction of a Bennett Mountain Power Plant. My understanding is that the 1.84% increase would give Idaho Power \$9,600,000 per year to build a new facility that would help fill the need for greater power demand.

I can see why this rate increase would be a benefit to Idaho power, and in turn a benefit to its customers. However, I believe alternate ideas should be considered. If Idaho customers are funding the construction of a new facility, why not have it be a facility owned by an Idahoan? I have been looking for a way to fund a power plant, and would be happy to use the funds to construct a wind farm, a geothermal power plant, and other facilities if necessary to help provide for additional power needs in Idaho.

Please send me information on what I need to do to have a rate increase implemented to construct power-generating facilities for my company. I would sell all power produced to the Idaho public electricity provider at contract rates and benefit customers in several ways. First, I would provide the electricity they need and depend on. Second, I would provide jobs for those working for the power company. Lastly, profits would return to the Idaho economy.

It is in Idaho's best interest to support new companies generating power. Please consider awarding any rate increase to my company rather than theirs.

Sincerely,



Matt Malouf